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To: Maine Immunization Program Providers

From: Maine Immunization Program Subject: Immunization Campaign Survey

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We are working on a strategy to ensure that children are up to date with their vaccinations. We are asking health care organizations to complete this <u>brief survey</u> by 6/22, to assist in the planning process.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine ordering has significantly declined over the last 3 months (March 28% decrease, April 45% decrease, May 47% decrease); 38,700 immunizations were not ordered in that time span. If this trend continues, by August over 80,000 child and adolescent vaccines would not have been ordered and given.

It is critical to immunize as many children as possible in the upcoming months for all vaccines, including Pertussis and Influenza, as symptoms could be similar to COVID-19. Children are also required by law to have vaccinations up to date for Kindergarten and 7th grade.

We are looking to understand your current planning to offer catch up vaccines for children and adolescents. We also want to start to lay the ground work for mass vaccine campaigns with social distancing considerations over the next year for childhood vaccines, Influenza, and COVID-19 when available. We would like to understand your capacity and challenges in offering mass vaccination clinics in office, school, and community settings.

If you could complete this <u>brief survey</u> it would assist the planning process at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Immunizationcatchup

Thank you for your assistance!